

Funeral Obituary at the Capitol.

(From the Washington C. G.)

The Palms having been previously carried through the city papers that formal announcement of the death of Hon. Preston P. Brooks, of South Carolina, would be made in the two branches of Congress yesterday, we left the remains of the honored deceased to be taken to the hall of the House of Representatives prior to their removal to the Congressional Burning Ground; at an early hour yesterday morning thousands of our citizens repaired to the Capitol to witness the solemn and impressive ceremonies. The crowd in the House of Representatives was immense. The galleries were filled to their utmost capacity, and on the ceiling the names of the House were so crowded as to extend to a large number of ladies the privileges of the floor. After customary preliminary business had been disposed of, Mr. Keitt, of South Carolina, rose in his seat, and in a voice trembling with emotion announced the death of his friend and colleague. He spoke of the deceased as he knew him from intimate personal knowledge, first entering upon the busy scenes of life as a lawyer then as a member of his Legislature then as leading a company of his neighbors to distant fields of glory, at the summons of his country; then as a representative in Congress, and then as beloved father, and friend. The eloquent words of the eloquent speaker came fresh and pure, and hidden from the heat, and produced a sensation which has seldom been experienced in a legislative hall. Mr. Keitt was followed by Gen. Quitman, of Mississippi, who in the course of his impressive remarks bore eager testimony to the gallantry and heroism of the deceased in the Mexican war. He was followed by Mr. Campbell, of Ohio, who, although he had been a decided and even prominent political opponent of the deceased could not forego this opportunity of testifying to his high social worth as illustrated instances which pleased his warm generous, impulsive and chivalrous nature in the most attractive light. Mr. Cingman, of North Carolina, next spoke. The district which he represented adjourned that of the deceased. He knew him well—the warmth and tenacity of his friendships his self-sacrificing spirit his undivided heart and child-like gentleness. Other gentlemen had spoken of the deceased as a lawyer, a legislator, and a soldier but Mr. Cingman simply wished to speak of him as he was at home and to say (said Mr. C.) that he was idolized by his constituents would be to give only a feeble expression to the feeling of proud affection which they ever entertained towards their gifted, gallant, but now lost representative. After some further remarks by Mr. Savage, of Tennessee, the resolutions of confidence and respect which had been previously offered by Mr. Keitt were unanimously adopted, and the House then took an informal recess with the view of affording the necessary time to bring the remains of the deceased to the hall of the House where it had been arranged the religious exercises should take place prior to their removal to their temporary resting-place already designated.

During the brief recess, the area in front of the Speaker's desk was arranged for the reception of the illustrious dead. Chairs were brought in for the Committee of arrangements, the pall-bearers, and the other high officers of the government who were to form the funeral cortage. At a quarter of two o'clock, the Speaker, in a mournful scarf, took his chair. At the same time, the Sergeant-at-Arms, similarly attired, made his appearance, and thus silently made known the arrival of the body at the Capitol. Mourners and spectators at this moment looked eagerly and anxiously towards the main entrance. The first person seen there was a venerable-looking gentleman, of tall and commanding person, who was immediately recognized as the President-elect. Unaccompanied, he proceeded down the main aisle, all eyes following him, and took his seat in the right of the Speaker. The Justices of the Supreme Court in their full robes were also mounted, and were escorted by officers of the House to the spot which had been assigned them. They were followed by the Justices and others of the Court of Claims—such as the committee of arrangements, the pall-bearers, and the body of a highly distinguished radio, at the head of which was a train of colored slaves. The President of the United States, the members of his cabinet, and his private secretary, unaccompanied, and, in the arrangement of their seats, the Presidents of the Senate and the House—such were the officers of state who were present. The Pres-

ident was seated in the chair of the Speaker of the House.

The religious exercises were then led by the reverend eloquence of Hon. W. H. Brooks, whose eloquence presents the three of us. His voice, though hoarse, was clear and distinct, which caused an instant interest in the audience and collected eloquence. The exercises were closed by an inspiring prayer from the eloquence of Senator. Then the funeral process was closed.

The proceedings in the Senate were equally as impressive as those in the House. As it was that body was informed of the action taken by the House, their leading and eloquent tributes were paid to the memory of the deceased by Mr. Evans, of South Carolina, Mr. Hunter of Virginia and Thomas of Georgia. Indeed, so deeply moved was the latter gentleman, after speaking for a few minutes, that emotion became quite uncontrollable, and he was compelled to sit down—his emotion overcame him, and he was reduced to tears, his fingers had failed to express his whole audience present of his views.

Nature and Human Nature.

Yesterday a gentleman who happened to be in our house one of the days past took a monkey to a very sanguine little monkey that had been imported from Brazil by one of the slaves.

This monkey had been taught a number of antics. With a pocket-knife around his neck he would imitate the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, by throwing somersets over the Bells. He would squat like a leprechaun, like James Gordon Bennett, and would stand about covered with a piece of tarpaulin in imitation of Horace Greeley. He could roll a wheelbarrow full of apples like Major Ben Parry Powe, and curl his moustaches like Col. Fremont. The sailor who owned him was an Irishman and swore that same monkey was a "fairy ава."

The gentleman seeing such an intelligent creature, bought him as a pet for his lady, and took the monkey home. Young John seemed rather like one beside himself at finding himself suddenly changed from a rough rascal to a "splendid scion" in our West End! He was no sooner introduced into the family than he jumped up on the center table, upset and broke a number of fancy ornaments and antique vases. He then rushed at all the ladies, tore their dresses and their hair, scratched the faces of some of the children, bit the nurses, and threw a glass inkstand at his own appearance in the looking-glass, a deed to be remembered by a star.

Loud cries of fire! murder! etc., etc., were heard all over the house till up came a big negro with a broomstick. After a rapid chase, a smart blow laid the sanguine monkey low and as dead as a door nail.

Thus ended the fancy for monkey pets of the nautical sanguine kind.—[Savanna Journal.]

AWFUL THROAT.—“This bad, from the very beginning of their acquaintance, induced in her that awe which is the most delicious feeling a wife can have towards her husband.” “Aye!” said I, on hearing the above quote—“aue of a man who has been married, whose hair you have cut, whose cravats you have put into wash; whose boots and shoes you have kicked into the closet, whose dressing gown you have worn while combing your hair; who has been down into the kitchen with you at 11 o'clock at night to hunt for a certain hen, who has hooked your dress, unlaced your boots, fastened your stockings, and tied on your bonnet; who had stood before your looking glass, with thumb and finger on his pockets, stamping his feet; whom you long lectured and scolded and tormented and teased, whom you have seen asleep with his mouth wide open.” [Fancy Fern.]

THE REPENTANT YOUTH.—In a metropolitan court, eight years ago, a poor woman, whose boy had been sentenced to a long term in the penitentiary, for some not well proved offence, said, “Won’t your Honor give him a shorter term? He is a good boy to me,” your Honor—he answered, “I’ve just made the same reply, clothes,” your Honor, which fit the beautiful, (and she looked as she said,) as only a mother can look at her boy) and if you give him a long time to stay in prison, the clothes won’t fit him when he comes out, for he is a growing boy.” Poor mother! she had never! she had saved from her scant earnings to clothe her boy “like the neighbors’ children were.” This was too much for her son. He melted—“I wept—he repented—he was forgiven. And he is now one of the most promising, enterprising and honorable young merchants in our city. Every word of it is true, and known to be so by many persons.”

Knife-thief.

THE STAR.

Editorial, newsroom.

M. S. WARD, &c. Editor.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18.
SPECIAL NOTICE.

All Persons knowing them selves indebted to me, are earnestly requested to make immediate Payment, as I MUST have Money to pay my debts.

M. S. WARD.

The Editor of THE STAR is again abroad. We would most say that of an entire fortune, for we have been informed by Mr. Evans, of South Carolina, Mr. Hunter of Virginia and Thomas of Georgia. Indeed, so deeply moved was the latter gentleman, after speaking for a few minutes, that emotion became quite uncontrollable, and he was compelled to sit down—his emotion overcame him, and he was reduced to tears, his fingers had failed to express his views.

REBUTTALS.—The Rev. Mr. James Bates will preach in Pensacola next Sunday (2d instant) at 11 o’clock, A. M.

ANNUAL MEETING.—C. L. Ballings has just purchased a large lot of fresh seeds, which he has selected with special regard to the wants of the people in this vicinity, and as now is about the time to “sow” if you would “reap” all who want seeds must call early.

LAND FOR SALE.—We would refer the readers of the STAR to the advertisement of Mr. S. S. Smith, who is offering his farm for sale. It is one of the best quarter sections in the county, and is located within a mile and a half of the line of the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad.

VALENTINES.—A large number of Valentines have been dealt out to the recipients the past day or two, and quite a number still remain in the Postoffice. We have seen some magnificent ones; have read several that were “rich and rare,” among which was one from Belmont, received by a gentleman of this place, which goes a little ahead of anything in the shape of a Valentine we have ever seen.

BUSYBODIES.—Dr. Martin has removed his stock of goods into his new store, (next door) which has just been completed. It is said to be the finest building of the kind in Panola county, and surely is an ornament to Pensacola. The Doctor intends to “fill” it with a choice stock of goods for the coming spring trade.

B. T. Brown has removed his grocery to the building he has had fitted up for that purpose, where he will be pleased to see his old customers and the public generally.

The “Kate.”

The “Kate” started for the Yazoo River on Monday morning last, under the charge of Captain Calvert, of Belmont. She was owned by Messrs. Samuel & Thomas Caldwell, who built her expressly for the Yazoo trade. We did not witness the departure of the “Kate,” and therefore can say nothing of her “swelling” qualities, but from her name, we can but imagine that she carried considerable canvas, and like her fair namesake, moved as gently “down the stream,” as either of her predecessors. May prosperity attend Kate, wherever she may be guided by the adventurous will of man.

Trading Boat “Hiawatha.”

This beautiful boat left its dock on Sunday, for the Yazoo, and all intermediate landings on the route. She was commanded by Capt. Moses Gage, well known to “travelers” on the Mississippi, as an experienced pilot. Capt. Gage will take her down to the Mouth of Coldwater, where she will take on a pilot for the rest of the trip. The subordinate officers were: Miller Keith, office-clerk and salesman; Newt Larp, bartender and steward; E. Culpepper, pantymon, chambermaid and cabin boy. There was a large crowd at the landing to bid the crew farewell, and when they cast her loose she glided off as gracefully as a dolphin upon the water.

From the waters of a big pond, like a steamer on a river, on the mighty Mississippi River, floated the beautiful Hiawatha.

THE DEATH OF MR. BROOKS.—The death of Mr. Brooks, it seems was very sudden. A Washington dispatch says: He had been in bed a day or two, suffering from the effects of severe cold—he had said to friends that he had passed the crisis of his illness, feeling considerably improved in health; but in ten minutes afterwards he was seized with violent cramps, and in intense pain expired.

Panola Schools.

Mr. Young and July opened the Male and Female Schools last Monday morning, and are proceeding daily, but surely, we hope, to build up good schools in Pensacola. We trust Mr. Young will make remarks in regard to his system of educating children.

We agree with him that “the passions must be disciplined as well as the mind enlightened,” for the great fundamental basis of our institutions is public virtue, implying social order, good faith and the fulfillment of contracts.

Honesty has shown that republican institutions are most vulnerable through the ballot box, the jury box, and that the dangers which beset them through these channels can only be averted by educating the masses morally and intellectually, up to the performance of their duties in all the relations of life—moral, social, intellectual and political. When this is done, the representative will be chosen for his honesty, as well as capacity. When this is done, we shall hear no more of packed juries or compromised verdicts, or forged naturalization papers, altering election returns, or a venal exercise of the pardoning power, of log-rolling laws, and of selling legislation like “most on the shambles,” or of that most detestable chivaltry, demagogism. But education to do this must be moral as well as intelligent. The passions must be disciplined as well as the mind enlightened. Wrong, in the complicated relations of life, cannot always be discerned by instinct, nor can right always be done without a rigid discipline of the passions to judgment. As men advance in refinement, they become adept in sophistry, and too often invent a conscience to suit their interests. Who can be astonished, then, when the ignorant imitate the wise and learned by taking a “short cut across swindle common,” to compass an end favorable to the individual, but fatal to society? Educate the masses up to a true perception of right and wrong, and then the equality of moral perception being equal, there is no reason why the public agent should not be honest, faithful and devoted. Nothing short of moral education can cure existing evils, be those what they may, whether of popular corruption, social degradation, or political corruption.

If parents desire to have their children well cared for, and instructed, we do not think they can find better schools than those in Pensacola. The terms are not changed.

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